

TO REGULATE WITHIN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA THE SALE
OF MILK, CREAM, AND ICE CREAM, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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MR. LAMPERT, from the Committee on the District of Columbia,
submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany S. 2803]

The Committee on the District of Columbia, to which was referred the bill (S. 2803) to regulate within the District of Columbia the sale of milk, cream, and ice cream, and for other purposes, having duly considered the same, hereby report it to the House with the recommendation that the bill do pass with an amendment to section 2, as indicated therein. The amendment strikes out all of lines 2, 3, 4, and 5 and line 6 down to the word "and" and substitutes therefor the following:

Provided, That the word "person" in this section shall include firms, associations, partnerships, and corporations, as well as individuals.

The amendment simply does nothing more than clarify the intent and meaning of the section.

The general purpose of the bill is to insure a supply of pure milk and milk products for sale and use in the District. To that end, it requires the inspection and grading of farms and herds from which milk is produced, permits only milk or cream to be sold which is produced from herds to which the tuberculin test has been annually applied, and vests in the health officer of the District power to adopt rules and regulations to enforce the prescribed standards and qualities.

Section 1 establishes the standard of milk which may be produced in or shipped into the District of Columbia for sale as pure, clean, and wholesome milk.

Section 2 provides that all dairy farms upon which all milk is produced for such shipment shall be operated upon permits issued by the health officer, renewable yearly.

Section 3 authorizes the health officer to suspend any permit whenever in his opinion the public health is endangered.

Section 4 saves from the operation of the bill milk or cream shipped into the District for manufacture into ice cream in accordance with the specifications of any authorized milk commission or State board of health.

Sections 5, 6, and 7 deal with the powers of the health officer to establish reasonable rules and regulations to carry out the purposes of the act.

Section 8 requires all milk wagons within the District of Columbia and all trucks or wagons engaged in bringing in milk or cream into the District of Columbia to be so marked or painted as to indicate clearly their ownership.

Section 9 requires all distributors of milk to publish the names of the person or persons from whom they secure their supply of milk.

Section 10 requires the containers of all skim or reconstructed milk or cream to plainly indicate the exact nature of its contents.

Section 12 requires all cases of communicable disease in any farm or dairy to be reported to the health officer.

Section 13 contains definitions of the meaning of "milk," "cream," "Pasteurized milk," "raw milk," "certified milk," "reconstructed milk," "skim milk," and "ice cream."

Section 14 prohibits the sale of all milk, cream, or ice cream which does not comply with the definitions.

Section 15 authorizes the health officer to establish rules and regulations for pasteurization.

Section 16 deals with all persons who in any manner hinder the health officer or his agents in performing their duties under the act.

Section 17 requires all distributors of milk to keep posted at their places of business the names of all persons licensed who are delivering their milk or cream, and to keep a record of all milk or cream received from time to time.

Section 18 prohibits the receipt by any distributor of milk or cream from any source until he has first ascertained from the health department that such source is licensed.

Section 19 provides penalties for the violation of the act.

It may be stated further that the bill has the approval of the authorities of the District of Columbia, and if enacted into law will serve to insure the purity of milk and milk products disposed of and used in the District.

The committee is not advised of any opposition to the bill in its present form nor of any reason why it should not receive favorable consideration.